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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, IR, OVIP (BENSON, LUCY WILSON)

SUBJECT:VISIT OF UNDER SECRETARY BENSON, PRESS GUIDANCE

REF: A) TEHRAN 7574 (NOTAL); B) TEHRAN 7406 (NOTAL)

1. IN LINE WITH UNDER SECRETARY BENSON'S DESIRE FOR A LOW-KEY VISIT, WE DO NOT PLAN TO PUBLICIZE THE UNDER SECRETARY'S TRIP TO IRAN AT THIS END. DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN HAS BEEN PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING "IF ASKED" PRESS GUIDANCE.

2. QTE: IN RESPONSE TO AN INVITATION FROM THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT, UNDER SECRETARY BENSON WILL TRAVEL TO IRAN AUGUST 27 - SEPTEMBER 1 TO FAMILIARIZE HERSELF WITH VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE U.S. SECURITY ASSISTANCE AND ARMS EXPORT CONTROL PROGRAM. SHE WILL, OF COURSE, BE MEETING WITH VARIOUS HIGH LEVEL IRANIAN OFFICIALS AND WITH AMBASSADOR  
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SULLIVAN AND TOP U.S. OFFICIALS DEALING WITH SECURITY ASSISTANCE. THE UNDER SECRETARY WILL VISIT SEVERAL IRANIAN MILITARY INSTALLATIONS TO GAIN FIRST HAND IMPRESSIONS OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF OUR SUBSTANTIAL PROGRAMS IN THAT COUNTRY. ON HER WAY BACK FROM TEHRAN, SHE WILL ALSO PAY A BRIEF VISIT TO THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE U.S. EUROPEAN COMMAND IN STUTTGART. UNQTE.

3. WE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO IRANIAN AUTHORITIES  
VOLUNTEERING A LOW-KEY STATEMENT ALONG THESE LINES IF  
THAT IS THEIR PREFERENCE. CHRISTOPHER

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